

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending in the application. Claims 1-8 are amended. Claims 9-19 are added. Claim 1 is the independent claim. Substantive examination is respectfully requested.

The claims are amended only to eliminate multiple dependencies and to eliminate unnecessary reference numerals and letters. The claims are not amended substantively, and are not amended to avoid prior art. Please enter the Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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